

WHITE DEMOCRATS IN MOVE TO BLOCK BOOM FOR M'ADOO

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Telegraphs Chairman That
55 Members of Committee
Demand a Meeting.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.

Democratic leaders in Washington moved hastily to-day to block the attempt of the W. G. McAdoo organization from gaining control of the Democratic National Committee. Representative Champ Clark (Mo.), minority leader of the House, together with others prominent in Democratic affairs, issued statements demanding that Thomas B. Love, Democratic committeeman from Texas, and those assisting him in the demand that Chairman George White resign, be squelched. They interpreted the agitation as the beginning of a boom for Mr. McAdoo for the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1924.

Meantime Mr. Love, the prime mover of the insurrection against Mr. White, sent a telegram to the committee chief saying six other members of the committee desired to add their names to the petition forwarded last night demanding a meeting in St. Louis or some other centrally located city on March 1. He called attention to the fact that the number of signatures now is in excess of a majority. The total is 55; there are 108 members of the committee.

One of the additions to the list is James H. Moyle, Democratic committeeman from Utah, who served as an assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Mr. McAdoo. Mr. Love, who is leading the revolt, also served as an assistant Secretary of the Treasury under Mr. McAdoo.

Clark's Statement.

"I am utterly opposed to precipitating a fight over the chairmanship of the Democratic National Committee, either at present or so early as Mr. Love suggests," Mr. Clark declared. "I have read Mr. Flood's statement and endorse it in toto. The only question pressing for solution now is paying off the deficit in campaign expenses."

"George White is a man of character and ability. He made an uphill fight last year and did it well. No mortal man could have led the Democrats to victory. Mr. White deserves well of the Democrats and of the country. He was elected chairman for four years and he should be permitted and asked to fill his term, and the men who for purposes of boosting some particular Presidential candidate are trying to force him to resign should be squelched."

"Mr. White is now engaged in the

White Has No Intent to Quit Chairmanship

MARIETTA, Ohio, Feb. 7.—Chairman George White of the Democratic National Committee, has no intention of retiring, he said to-night before leaving here for New York and Washington to take up the request of forty-nine members of the committee for a meeting March 1.

"Conditions have changed since last fall when I said I might retire," said Mr. White. "I now feel that I do not need to give my entire time to business and will be able to take care of the chairmanship."

The whole matter will be thrashed out at the meeting of the recently appointed Democratic executive committee at Washington, February 17, Mr. White said. He announced that he had received numerous telegrams urging that he continue as national chairman.

unpleasant task of raising money to pay the deficit and his endeavors should be aided by every good Democrat in the land, but the "sooner Presidential candidates and their enthusiastic supporters can wait—very much to the benefit of the party and the country."

In the statement to which Mr. Clark referred Representative Flood, who formerly was chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and is chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, expressed opposition to the scheme of Mr. Love and the McAdoo enthusiasts.

"The issues in the campaign of 1922," Mr. Flood said, "will be made by the Democrats in the House and Senate. If the Republicans propose legislation in the interest of the country we will support it earnestly. Only when such proposed legislation is not in the interest of the country will we oppose it and the differences between the two parties will constitute the issues in 1922 and 1924."

"It was the record of the Democrats in the House in 1909 and 1910 under leadership of Champ Clark that secured the victory in November, 1910. It was the leadership of Clark and Underwood in the House and Martin in the Senate that won the great victory of 1912."

"In saying this I am not following my own judgment alone. I have conferred with a number of leading Democrats in the Senate and House and they generally concur in this view. I have noted Mr. Love's reference to Chairman White and the latter's desire to be relieved of the burdens and responsibilities of the chairmanship. I have known for some time of this feeling on the part of Mr. White, but I also know that he is not the man to run away from or shirk responsibilities as long as he can render service to the entire Democratic party, which he is now doing by retaining the chairmanship."

The followers of A. Mitchell Palmer and of Senator Underwood (Ala.), the Democratic leader in the Senate, shared the opinion that the move to change the chairman of the committee is one for the advancement of the Presidential candidacy of Mr. McAdoo. All their strength will be thrown against the scheme. That does not mean, of course, that they endorse the control of Gov. Cox, but they certainly do not want a change in the organization if it is to the advantage of any other Presidential possibility. They take the view that Gov. Cox, having won the nomination at San Francisco and having made the race for the Presidency against odds, is entitled to such advantage as the direction of the national committee will give him for the next four years.

In view of the united opposition it seemed less likely to-night that the McAdoo forces would succeed in their scheme for forcing the Cox control into the office.

HAYS IS OPTIMISTIC OVER FUTURE OF U. S.

G. O. P. Chairman Sure of
Efficient Administration
Under Harding.

ECONOMY TO PLAY PART

Addresses Luncheon Guests of
New Jersey Press Association
at Trenton.

TRENTON, Feb. 7.—Will H. Hays told the members of the New Jersey Press Association at a luncheon address here to-day that he would not presume to indicate the purposes of the Harding Administration, but he declared that the United States could look ahead with the assurance that President Harding would take every possible step to bring back the government within the limitations of the Constitution in times of peace.

"Both the election and the war are over," he said, "and there is no reason why we should not get back to normal." Mr. Hays, expressing the belief that Mr. Harding had the vital qualities necessary for handling the problems of the country in a time of readjustment, said he believed the incoming Administration would make these things certain.

"An honest, efficient and economical business administration of the country's affairs," he said, "will be immediately developed and executed a plan for the reduction and equalization of taxes, with the repeal of the taxes which kill initiative, and the spreading of the war debt over a number of years."

"That there be developed a better relation between labor and capital, with justice to both and with justice to the public, the third side of the triangle which must not be forgotten."

"That every possible step be taken to bring the Government back to the limitations of the Constitution in times of peace, with no undue federalization of industries and activities, with Federal regulation but not Federal ownership, preventing the further spread of Socialism and setting the nation's feet firmly on the path of progress and along ways which liberty and order must ever guard and preserve."

"That the Administration will measure its steps forward by the new needs of the nation, with its eyes always ahead but with its feet always on the solid ground."

Mr. Hays said that the readjustment which necessarily follows the great war demands the best there is in us as a nation, but he believes that mentally and spiritually the United States will adhere to the truth and never abandon its high national ideals.

"This nation is a success," he declared. "It is still the hope of the world. It must be made a yet greater blessing to the sons of men."

"There is a duty ahead of all of us and that duty we shall not shirk. There has been no geography, political or physical, in the patriotism of this country and there will be no geography in our patriotism in the trying days of readjustment ahead. This is not a moment for petty jealousies or carping criticisms, but fearlessly, in a spirit of patriotism, with eyes solidly on the country's welfare, let all men join in the effort to solve the problems, the real business of political plans and executing purposes for the welfare of the people and the glory of the nation."

"What we need in this country is not less politics but more attention to politics."

Newport News Won't Support Idle Sailors

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 7.—Mayor Hiden supplemented the recent "work or jail" edict to unemployed here to-day with a notification to idle seamen that those refusing work at wages paid on laid up ships in Clarendon would be treated as vagrants if they applied later for help. Forty men agreed to go to work, but others asserted they could not accept the wage scale under union oaths. These said they would not seek alms from the city.

The Mayor informed the seamen he was not fighting the union but that the city could not support them in idleness. Arrangements to furnish charitable institutions with descriptions of men who refuse work have been made.

ICE BREAKS AND TWINS SAVE BOY FROM DEATH

Lads Form Chain and Hold
Up Victim Until Aid Arrives.

George W. Taylor, 9 years old, a son of Mrs. William E. Taylor, of Mount Vernon, went through the ice while skating with some other boys on the Pelham Reservoir yesterday afternoon. David and John Merckeljohn, twins, 12 years old, of 202 East Sidney avenue, Mount Vernon, were among the skaters. John lay flat on his stomach and wriggled out to the broken place in the ice, while David lay down behind him and held his ankles. John managed to reach the edge of the break and stretched out his hand. George grabbed it and John drew him half way out of the water on to the solid ice.

The boy, however, was unable to drag his friend further, and he and his brother began shouting for help. They held young Taylor where they had him until several men could reach them and pull him ashore.

BLUEBIRDS DON'T POSE AS WEATHER PROPHETS

Bay State Ornithologist Ex-
plains Their Presence.

Boston, Feb. 7.—Ten Weymouth bluebirds that recently led unofficial weather forecasts to predict the earliest of springs were entirely innocent of any intent to fool the public.

Edward H. Forbush, State Ornithologist, said to-day that some bluebirds spent every winter in New England, especially in the Southern parts, and that their presence in seemingly large numbers this year meant only that with the mild weather "they had taken it into their heads to fly about a little."

"Wild geese," he said "had been flying north for some time, and might go as far as Maine."

MRS. BERGDOLL OFFERS BAIL.

Wants to Get Her Son Out of Leavenworth Prison.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Carrying an armful of deeds to real estate, Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll appeared to-day in the office of United States District Attorney McAvoy to offer bail for her son, Erwin R. Bergdoll, serving a term in Fort Leavenworth military prison for draft dodging. Habeas corpus proceedings have been brought to obtain Bergdoll's freedom, but argument has not yet been heard.

Mr. McAvoy informed Mrs. Bergdoll that he could not even discuss such a subject with her until the court had ruled on the case.

DENY ARMY GRAFT IN LEATHER SALES

House Democrats Refute Re-
publican Charges of Exces-
sive Purchases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Refutation of Republican majority charges of excessive leather purchases by the army during the war is contained in a report made public to-night by Representative Garrett of Tennessee. Democratic minority member of the House committee which investigated War Department leather purchases and leather surplus sales.

The majority report, signed by Chairman Graham and other Republican members, contained charges that the department purchased an excessive amount of leather goods, necessitating sales of the surplus at the war's end and from which army officers who negotiated the purchases reaped a profit. The question whether purchases were excessive, Mr. Garrett held in his report, depended on the point of view. The majority's conclusion on this point, he added, would have been correct had anybody known exactly when the war would end.

"Since, however, this could not be known," he declared, "it was the duty of those charged with supplying the American army to anticipate the needs of the future and furnish the requirements without which the army itself would have been useless."

Representative Garrett in his report also dealt with the majority's recommendations that evidence obtained in the investigation of all leather and harness transactions be transmitted to the Department of Justice for such action as it might deem proper and enactment of law prohibiting purchases of surplus supplies by officers and enlisted men within two years of their discharge. The majority members, Mr. Garrett contended, did not recommend institution of any proceedings for the abrogation of contracts made by former officers with

the department, but merely recommended reference of the record to the Attorney-General.

The majority report also held that purchases of leather equipment and fixing prices during the war was largely controlled by tanners and their representatives; that prices were exorbitant, and that shortage and high prices were due to the War Department policy. The charge was made also that no real, effective efforts were made to dispose of surplus, and the practice of permitting former military officers on leaving the service to buy surplus supplies was likely to lead to abuses.

In this connection Representative Garrett declared "the record is singularly free from speculation and graft."

RAPS BOARDING HOUSE DIET.

Boston, Feb. 7.—The man who lives on the proverbial boarding house diet of white bread, potatoes, meat occasionally, prunes and skim milk may look well, but he lacks vitality and tone, Dr. Martin Edwards, a specialist in dietetics, said in an address to the Methodist Ministers' Association to-day.

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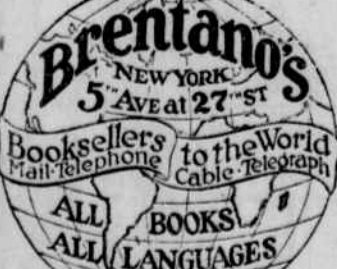
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